(c) the names of all the imported items on which Quantitative Restrictions are being applied/proposed to be applied; and

(d) the measures proposed to be taken to put an end to dumping of both standard and sub-standard foreign products in Indian markets ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY) : (a) to (d) The purpose of anit-dumpig duty is to counteract trade distortions caused by dumping and the consequential injury to the domestic industry. Since 1992, the DGAD has till date initiated anti-dumping investigation into import of 153 products involving number of countries. The status of these cases is given below :-

Number of cases where final findings have been issued	117
Number of cases where preliminary findings have been issued	19
Number of cases under investigation for preliminary findings	11
Number of cases initiated but closed	6
TOTAL :	153

Import of 159 items as listed in Appendix-III of Schedule-I, Import of ITC (HS) (2002-07 as amended from time to time) has been made subject to compliance of the mandatory Indian Quality Standards which are also applicable to domestic goods. For compliance of these requirements, all manufacturers/exporters of these products to India are required to register themselves with Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS).

Quantitative Restrictions on imports have been removed in phase-wise manner by India as a part of Government's economic liberalization programme and its internat*ional commitments. The details thereof are published in the publication* viz. ITC (HS) Classification of Export and Import items, copies of which are available in the Library of the Parliament.

Setting up of green field SEZs

3105. SHRI R. P. GOENKA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the prestigious project to set up Special Economic Zones (SEZs) as engines of export growth in the medium term has failed to take off as, reportedly, not even a single greenfield SEZ has been launched during the last two years when the scheme was announced;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of steps being taken to remove any impediments and also to offer adequate financial and other incentives in setting up the greenfield SEZs to give fillip to exports of the country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY) : (a) and (b) The Government had announced a Special Economic Zone (SEZ) Scheme in April, 2000. Based on detailed projects reports submitted by the State Governments/private promoters, 3 new SEZs have been formally approved. In addition, 'in principle' approval has been granted for setting up of 15 new SEZs.

The Greenfield SEZs are being set up largely in the private sector in association with the State Governments and are in nature of large infrastructure projects with long gestation period. First Greenfield SEZ at Indore (Madhya Pradesh) is to be operationalised shortly.

(c) Recent steps taken to promote Special Economic Zones (SEZs) include duty free import/domestic procurement of goods for development, operation and maintenance of SEZs and units therein; external commercial borrowing without any maturity restriction through recognized banking channels; facility to set up Off-shore Banking Units in SEZs; exemption from service tax to SEZ developer and SEZ units; exemption from Central Sales Tax on sales made from Domestic Tariff Area to SEZ units; Income-tax exemption for 10 years in the first 15 years to the developers of SEZs; Income Tax holiday for 5 years and 50% tax exemption for 2 years thereafter to SEZ units; and exemption from minimum area requirement of 1000 hectares for port/airport based SEZs.

Potential for export of cement

3106. SHRI B. J. PANDA : Will the Minister for COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a vast potential for export of cement, provided its production costs are controlled;

(b) whether any technological technique is proposed to be used to bring down its production cost;

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the action taken by Government to enhance export of cement in competitive markets ?